-Too Bashfa'. "Hang it all, what can a fellow do?"

A great handsome, good natured fellow was Charlie Winter, but so very bashful that in the presence of a gentler sex he never could have told which hash.

"It wasn't any annoyance. I wa was standing on his head or his heels.

Just now his failing was most immensely aggravated by the fact he was over head and earn in love with Clarice Witmer, the

my love, and not to be there myself. Deuce take the girls! They bother you on purpose, I believe; and always man. age so your courage oczes out of your ers interested in this branch of farm in

in the face again." "Oh, what a spooney. Simply say you love her, and ask her if she will make you happy. Then face the music like a man, and meet her next time as if nothing had happened-unless she answers yes and then, of course, you'll act as if leaving the remainder and the upper sto-

don't know anything about it."

"Yes, I do. Didn't Nell act just as Clarice does, bewitching me at one mo- ing which would answer in every respecnent and almost driving me to suicide in most localities, would cost \$1,000. It PLOWS: the next? You are a lunatic, you are, and finished with paint, etc., \$1,300. It could I hope Clarice will give you the mitten." "I am afraid she will."

arose to take his leave. "Seriously, however, I advise you to put your heart For vat and fixtures, \$500, making in ali on a piece of paper and forward it to \$1,500 for rough, and \$1,800 for finished Clarice by the post."

Charlie thought about it after he was gone. The more he thought the better pleased with it he was.

"It's terrible but I suppose I must!" he groaned, seating himself at the writing deak, and clutching wildly at paper, pens, and ink.

An hour of torture. Charlie began a dozen billet-doux and tore them up, then wrote a dozen more and tore them up

"It's utterly useless," he moaned at last, and then the great booby laid his head upon the desk and fairly sobbed. "I'll write and ask her to go to the opera with me to-morrow night; anyway and then, perhaps—" he dared to think no further.

"'My dear,'—no, that will never do; was ever a mortal so perplexed as I am? I wish the girls at the bottom of the ocean, and Eve had never been created.
"Wall I'll home again." "Well I'll begin again."

This time he was successful. His note was short enough, and some young ladies might take umbrage at such an invitation, but Charles knew his bashfulness. It reads as follows, and was not dated at all : "Will you be kind to honor me by the

exceptance of my escort to the opera to-morrow eve?" And that was all, besides the signa-

"Well, there," said Charles, as he got it done. "I promised sister Minnie I would write to her this week, so I will do it now while my hand is in." And tossing the note to one side he soon began his letter.

"Sister Minnie," (it read,) "Yours of the 17th came to hand, as I have meant to answer it before. The fact is I am deep in love with a young lady, Clarice Wilmer, of whom you've heard me speak and I'm afraid she won't return it. You know I am so confounded bashful I daren't write. Sometimes I think I've got the necessary courage, but when I meet her it vanishes like dew before the sun, and I'm a bigger fool than ever. I know she thinks I'm a tool, but I can't help it -I'd rather face a battery of mitraille uses, or any other engine of destruction than a pretty woman any time. Clarice is the fairest, sweetest, and most beautiful young lady I ever saw,"

Here followed three whole pages of lover's rhaposdy, interspread with wailings of despair, and then the letter wound

"I've asked her to go to the opera to-morrow night, and if she goes, 'ta possi-ble that I may learn my late."

"Three o'clock—can it be possible?"

cried Charlie, glancing at the clock, and stuffing his letters into two envelopes, which he backed in an awful haste. "The mail goes out in an hour. I shall be late as sure as fate."

And paying no heed to the rhyme, and little to the letters, he grasped his hat and started for the post office.

Clarice smiled her brightest when

Charlie called for her the next night, but he fancied there was mischief in her eyes, STATIONERY DEPOT which perhaps was quite all a fancy. At the opers she talked and laughed bethe opera she talked and laughed be-tween the secnes in such a way that he lak Stands, Pen Racks, Paper, etc., etc. was quite bewildered. He did not learn his fate, and after he got home he felt worse than ever. Next day he got a letter from his sis

"I am very sorry," wrote she, " but miles, simply to attend the opera. I sup-

od for another person, and it—"

"Jove, I am undone!" said Charlie,
dropping the missive to the floor, and
breaking out in a cold perspiration, "I
sent the letters wrong and I've done it
brown. What will Charlie think of the
letter?" pose, however, the invitation was intend-

Driven to desparation at last, he plucked up courage and hurried to Clarice's residence.

"Is Miss Wilmer in!" he asked the

servant who answered the bell.

in the parlor, and face to face with his

"I-I-did you receive-a note from me the other day, Miss Clarice?" he stammered, wishing the floor would give away and precipitate him into the cellar.

"I received a letter, Mr. Winter," said Clarice, with a laugh like the tinkling of silver bells. "Ah! yes-I ask your pardon, Miss

Wilmer, for the inadvertency-I meant

"Oh, you need not apologize, Mr. Winter, I rather like it, I assure you. You did not try your fate at the opera, though. Why didn't you?"

how mischieviously her eyes were sparkling. A faint crimson dyed her cheek, and altogether, Charlie, looking at her slyly, thought she never was so "But the annoyance—"

"It wasn't any annoyance. I was

The faint glow deepened suddenly.
"You may," she said.
It Charlie's friend Tom Ridgely, had dropped in five minutes later, he would sweetest, prettiest most bewildering litthe beauty in all the region around about.

"O dear I wish I know the way to tell

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Charlie groaned despairingly.

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